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1. Pedro Saad, Acting Secretary General of the Partido Comunista del Ecuador (FCC - Comunist Party of Ecuador) is reported to have stated that the situation in China has had a positive effect on the people in Guayaquil and has been an ignortant factor in helping to increase the membership of the Party. For the past year, the Party averaged about 35 petitions for membership per month, lowever, during the first 24 days of January the Party received over a buildred applications. Saad stited that, in spite of this sudden interest in the Party which has also been manifested in demands for Party literature from heretofore indifferent individuals, the Party is not anxious to increase its membership too quickly. All applicants are beligaccepted as sympathizers only. They are obliged to contribute monthly dues and are given literature, but are invited to attend only general meetings until such time as the Party is willing to take them into its confidence.

2. In speaking of the hostilities in China, Sand remarked that he anticicated greater interest among the masses after the Communist armies announced final victory. In order to exploit this theme, Sand added that the Party was planning a propaginds program which would reach the laboring classes and would emphasize the advantages which the Communists had brought to China as compared to those available under the former capitalist system. This then would be followed by examples of what Communism would do in Ecuador. Sand remarked that he did not expect the people to react immediately to this propaganda, but he was very optimistic about their doing so eventually. Simultaneously with the propaganda the Party would concentrate upon organizing labor disturbances to bring about workers' benefits.

3. In connection with Communist penetration of the Army, which was reported to have increased considerably since the Communist Army victories in China, Saad made the following remarks: The PCE actually has control over certain sectors of the Army and not the entire force. Its influence is predominant among the non-commissioned officers and the soldiers, who were easily convinced that their future would be better under the Communists than under the present capitalist system as they have nothing to lose by supporting Communism and everything to gain. Saad was of the opinion that the Party could depend upon 60 per centrof this Army group to support its cause if there should be an uprising. Saad commented that the Minister of Mational Defense had done little to eradicate Communism by transferring Party members or sympathizers from one unit to another because these men were

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trained to pick up where they had left off in their former units either by joining existing cells or by starting new ones. Consequently, such transfers did little harm to the Party

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Coment. This entimate is believed to be an exaggeration and probably includes many disgrantied persons who would balk at supporting a Communist movement were it identified at such.

